Good Evening. My name is Bianne Colletta. I am a registered nurse at Lawrence General Hospital where I have worked for almost 40 years. I am very proud of the role the Lawrence General Hospital plays in our community – saving lives, making sick patients well, bringing and providing affordable health care in a City and region that very sorely needs a 24-7 state of the art emergency department, and all of the caregivers, and services at Lawrence General.

Those of us who have worked at Lawrence General, and other community hospitals for decades, appreciate how much more capital we need to improve local community hospitals. And we relate very well to the peace of mind there is for the staff at Holy Family that your job, your pension may become more secure than it would otherwise be, because of this sale to Cerberus.

Making capital improvements is very important to every institution. Lawrence General built a state-of-the art emergency center only a few years ago. We opened a new women's center this year. And we need to make additional facility improvements.

In my years at Lawrence General I have witnessed tremendous compassion, and life-saving care provided by my nurse colleagues, and other caregivers at Lawrence General. We have chosen to work at Lawrence General because we are dedicated to serving the needs of this community.

Health Care Access provided by Lawrence General is a precious local resource that thousands of people in our community rely on.

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Lawrence General Hospital will not have access to the same capital Gerberus Capital will invest at Holy Family if this sale and transition to for profit is approved. Conditions on how this capital may be used must be placed on this transaction by the Attorney General. And commitments to provide care to low income must be maintained.

Without conditions, this Wall Street venture capital may be used in a way that threatens access to health care and services at Lawrence General Hospital.

I urge the Attorney General to place appropriate conditions on this transaction and preserve access to health care in our region.